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E.O. 11652:N/A TAGS:PLOS,EEC,IC,EMIN SUBJECT: EC ACP SEMINAR IN BRUSSELS ON DEEP SEA MINING

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1.THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HOSTED A TECHNICAL SEMNAR IN BRUSSELS ON DEEP SEA MINING FEBRUARY 22-25 FOR 15-20 DEVELOPING STATES FROM THE ACP GROUP OF COUNTRIES. AN OFFICIAL EC PRESS RELEASE AT THE CLOSE OF THE SEMINAR STRESSED THAT THE MEETING WAS HELD "IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY CERTAIN DELEGATES OF ACP COUNTRIES AT THE THIRD UN LOS CONCERENCE.

2.ACCORDING TO THE PRESS RELEASE, "THE SEMINAR DEALT WITH THE RECOVERY OF MANGANESE NODULES... PREDOMINANTLY FOUND ON THE OCEAN FLOORS ESPECIALLY IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN AT DEPTHS OF ABOUT 5,000 METERS." IT NOTED THAT REPREUNCLASSIFIED

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SENTATIVES FROM COMPANIES AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES IN SEVERAL MEMBER STATES, WHICH ARE INVOLVED IN THE PRELIMINARY STAGES OF DEEP SEA MINING OPERATONS, PRESENTED REPORTS AT THE SEMINAR ON THE "STATE OF THE ARTS." THESE REPRESENTATIVES ALSO NOTED THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH MUST BE OVERCOME TO PERMIT COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION FROM THE DEEP SEA BEDS BY THE MID 1980'S.

3.ACCORDING TO AN EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL, THE SEMINAR ALSO CONSIDERED ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF DEEP OCEAN MINING AS WELL AS TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. HE STRESSED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR WAS STRICTLY INFORMATIONAL AND THAT ANY EXCHANGES WHICH MIGHT SMAK OF NEGOTIATIONS WERE CAREFULLY AVOIDED. HINTON

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